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More moos for Morin!

THE ILE de LUMIERE had its first birth aboard on Saturday at 5am -- a fine Frisian calf.

The mother, one of five cows on the way from New Zealand to Noumea, is relieved.

Capt. Daniel Morin, who has to explain to New Caledonia customs officials that they should accept six cattle, rather than the five on the manifest, is apprehensive.

Exceptionally calm weather prevailed for the birth, while the Ile de Lumiere was at anchor off Cascade.

Capt. Morin hoped to tie the "Ile" stern-to to the jetty in Sunday's calm, but didn't have time. He was third mate on the "Jacques del Mar" when Capt. Emile Savoie did this in 1965.

OFFSHORE OIL RUMOURS SCOTCHED BY N.I. EXPERT

OIL OR GAS FINDS in the vicinity of Norfolk are "most unlikely," according to a study made by Australia's largest company, B.H.P.

And if there were underwater oil fields nearby they would probably belong not to Australia but to New Zealand.

These statements are made in a 7-page review of the Island's oil and gas situation made by Mr. Geoff Hazzard, an authority on offshore petroleum matters who lives on Norfolk.

Cr. Bruce McKenzie has made Mr. Hazzard's report available for study

by Council.

Mr. Hazzard was associated with the oil industry for 40 years before retiring to Norfolk. In the last seven years of his career he was involved at a senior level in the administration of the Australian off-shore legislation for the petroleum industry.

He says that Australia's Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Acts extend eastward only a little way past Lord Howe Island. The Norfolk area was specifically excluded, and the Norfolk Island Administration in the mid-1960s requested that Norfolk be excluded.

Mr. Hazzard believes that underwater rights north of 27°30'S would belong to France, and rights south of that line would belong to New Zealand. The line is midway between New Zealand and New Caledonia and is about 200 miles north of Norfolk.

B.H.P. inquired about exploration rights around Norfolk a few years ago, simply to protect them, but did not pursue the matter when it turned out that "legally, there seems to be no legislation covering either petroleum or mineral exploration in the waters surrounding Norfolk," in the words of Mr. Hazzard's report.

Excerpts from Mr. Hazzard's report are given on page five.

'HANDOUT' STUCK ON \$10 - BUT A.M.P. TO PLAN ISLAND-WIDE PENSIONS

A NORFOLK "national superannuation scheme" is to be prepared for Council consideration by the A.M.P. Society in Australia.

A letter officially inviting the Society to go to work on a scheme will be sent by the Deputy Administrator, at the unanimous request of Councilors at last Wednesday's meeting.

The invitation to the A.M.P. means that any consideration of increasing the present \$10-a-week "handout" to elderly residents could be stalled off until mid-1976 at the earliest.

To prepare a scheme particularly suited to the Island, the Society will need to do considerable research on Norfolk and in Sydney.

Council did not discuss whether other insurance companies should be invited to submit schemes of their own, and approaches from other companies will no doubt be forthcoming.

If the New Zealand Insurance Group's proposed accident insurance scheme

should be approved, and N.Z.I. sets up a Norfolk office as planned, it would have obvious advantages in administering a compulsory superannuation program as well.

The Council request follows recent committee meetings on the general subject of social welfare needs on the Island.

The A.M.P. superannuation representative covering Norfolk, Ken Herford, wrote Cr. Lyle Snell in March saying it would be willing to develop a scheme for consideration.

At Wednesday's Council meeting
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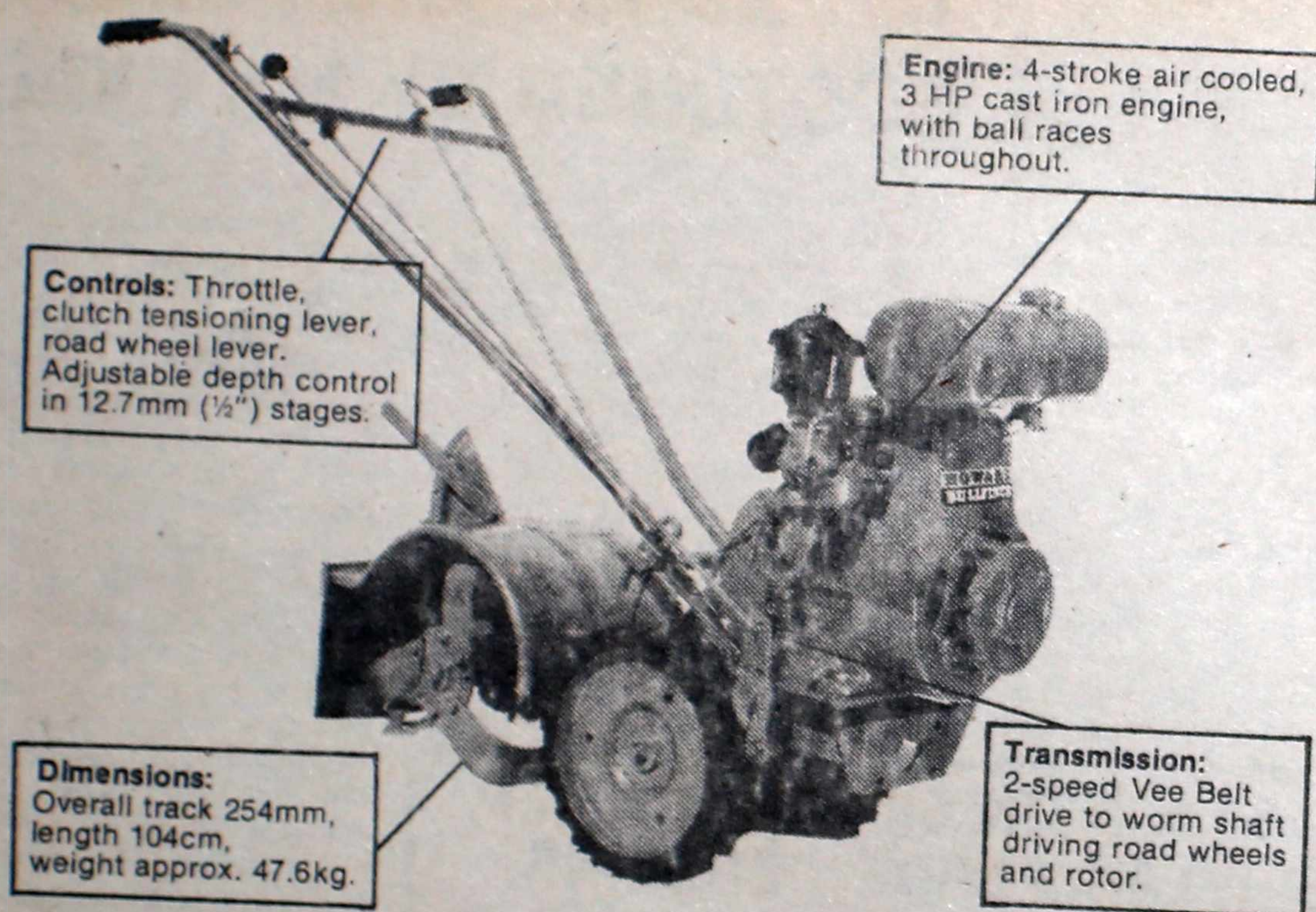


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ANGRY COUNCIL ACCUSES ENGLEADOW OF TRYING TO COVER UP DRAFTING DELAYS IN HIS DEPARTMENT

NORFOLK SHOULD TAKE over the responsibility for drafting instructions for laws, according to the secretary of the Department of Capital Territory, Mr. Lou Engledow.

"If we press towards that greater measure of self-rule which both the Council and the Department advocated before the Commission," Mr. Engledow wrote to the Deputy Administrator on October 20th, "the preparation of instructions for Draftsmen could ultimately become the responsibility of your Administration."

"Is Council prepared to get involved in this now?" he asked.

If so, he proposed that the Admin hire an additional senior man, send him to Canberra for several months to learn how the system works, and let him do the work from then on.

The Department would be prepared to withdraw its involvement, according to Mr. Engledow.

"This is a most important part of the process of self-government and the learning process does not have to wait until the Royal Commission reports and the Government decides action," he said.

But November Council wasn't having a bar of it. Their reaction was that Mr. Engledow was trying to dodge blame for delays in getting Norfolk legislation passed.

Speaking from prepared notes, Cr. Bathie described Mr. Engledow's letter as "a concoction of bureaucratic bungling to hide a blunder."

"Mr. Engledow has made a boo-boo," Cr. Bathie said. "It is truly amazing. He is suffering a loss of memory, or he thinks Councillors have."

"Fatuous nonsense," Cr. McIntyre agreed.

Cr. Bathie recalled that the pre-

Norfolk 'super'

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Cr. Richard Bataille said he felt it would be useful to have the Society forward a scheme for Council to look at.

Cr. Snell said the A.M.P. would do this only if they received an official letter of request, which was then authorised.

The letter will in effect give the A.M.P. hunting license No. 1 in working up a proposal, and a clear implication that the Admin will co-operate in doing the extensive planning that is necessary.

sent position of legal Advisor had been established in 1968, on a two-year trial basis, to help speed up instructions to draftsmen in Canberra.

All elected Councillors rejected the idea that a further legal officer was necessary, and referred Mr. Engledow to the functions of the present legal officer as set out in Council minutes since 1968. They said they would welcome further prompt correspondence from Mr. Engledow on the matter.

CATTLE CLIFF DEATHS

The continuing high price of locally produced beef may lead to the fencing of more island cliffs.

Many farms have lost valuable stock from falls down the cliff face recently, and one landowner is reported to have lost more than a dozen calves this year alone.

Primary Producers Board President Byron Burrell says "Once they fence the cliffs, they wonder why they haven't done it years ago."

A fencing project like this was not a paying proposition a few years back, Mr. Burrell said, when beef was bringing \$8 a hundredweight.

But when a beast fetched \$150 or \$200, fencing the cliff tops made sense.

The best, heaviest animals were the ones which plunged to their death, Mr. Burrell said.

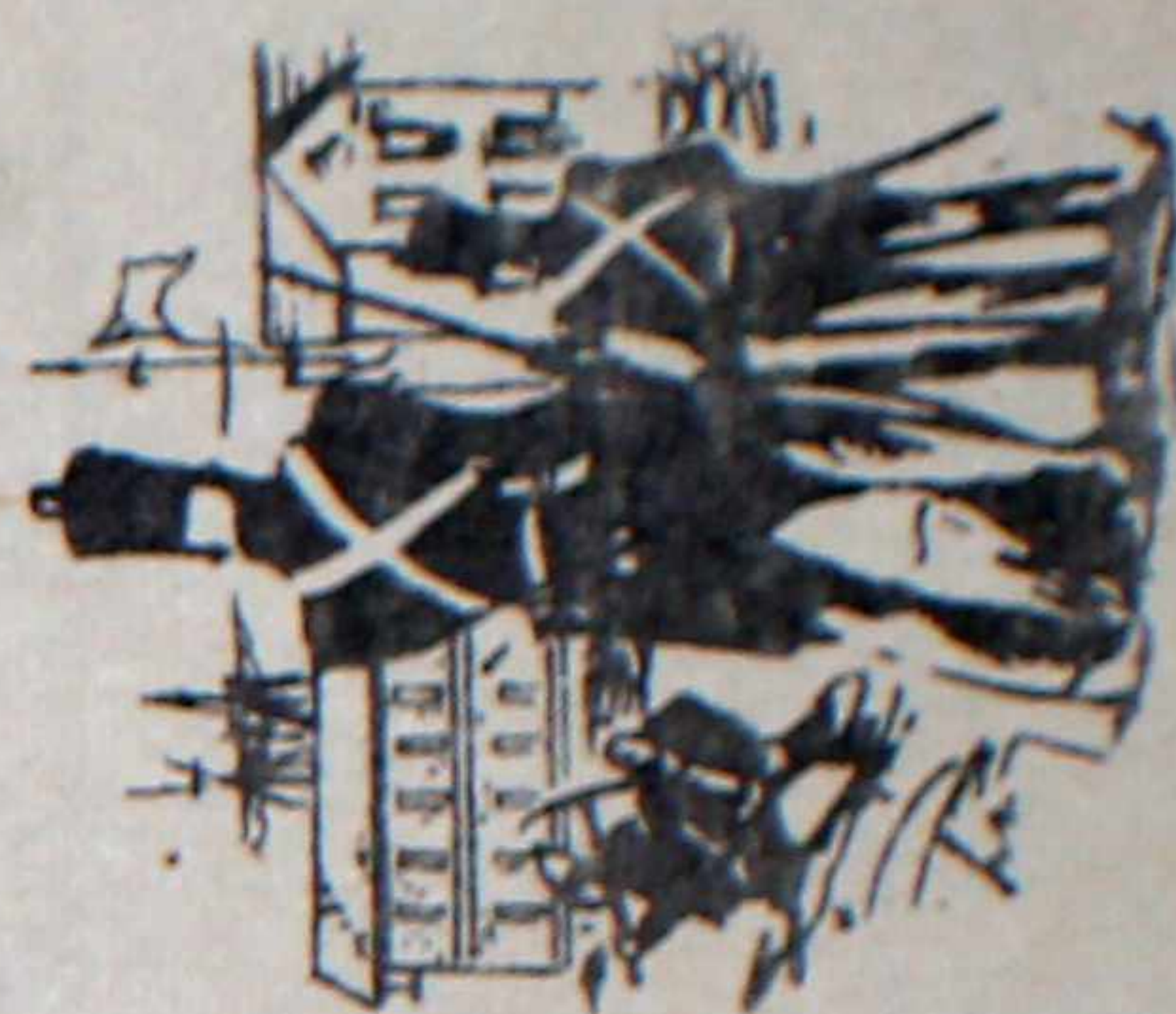
Park name sought

PUBLIC SUGGESTIONS for a name for the proposed Mt. Pitt park are being sought by members of Council.

The Secretary of the Department of the Capital Territory, Mr. Engledow, has written to the Deputy Administrator proposing that the reserve be named "The George Hunn Nobbs Park".

Cr. Bataille endorsed the suggestion, but Cr. Blucher said various names had been aired, including "Pitcairn Memorial Park", which he felt would honour the entire Pitcairn-descended population and history, rather than singling out one person.

Cr. McKenzie said he thought it would be a good idea to let the public react to the proposal, and Cr. McIntyre said he felt public suggestions should be positively invited.

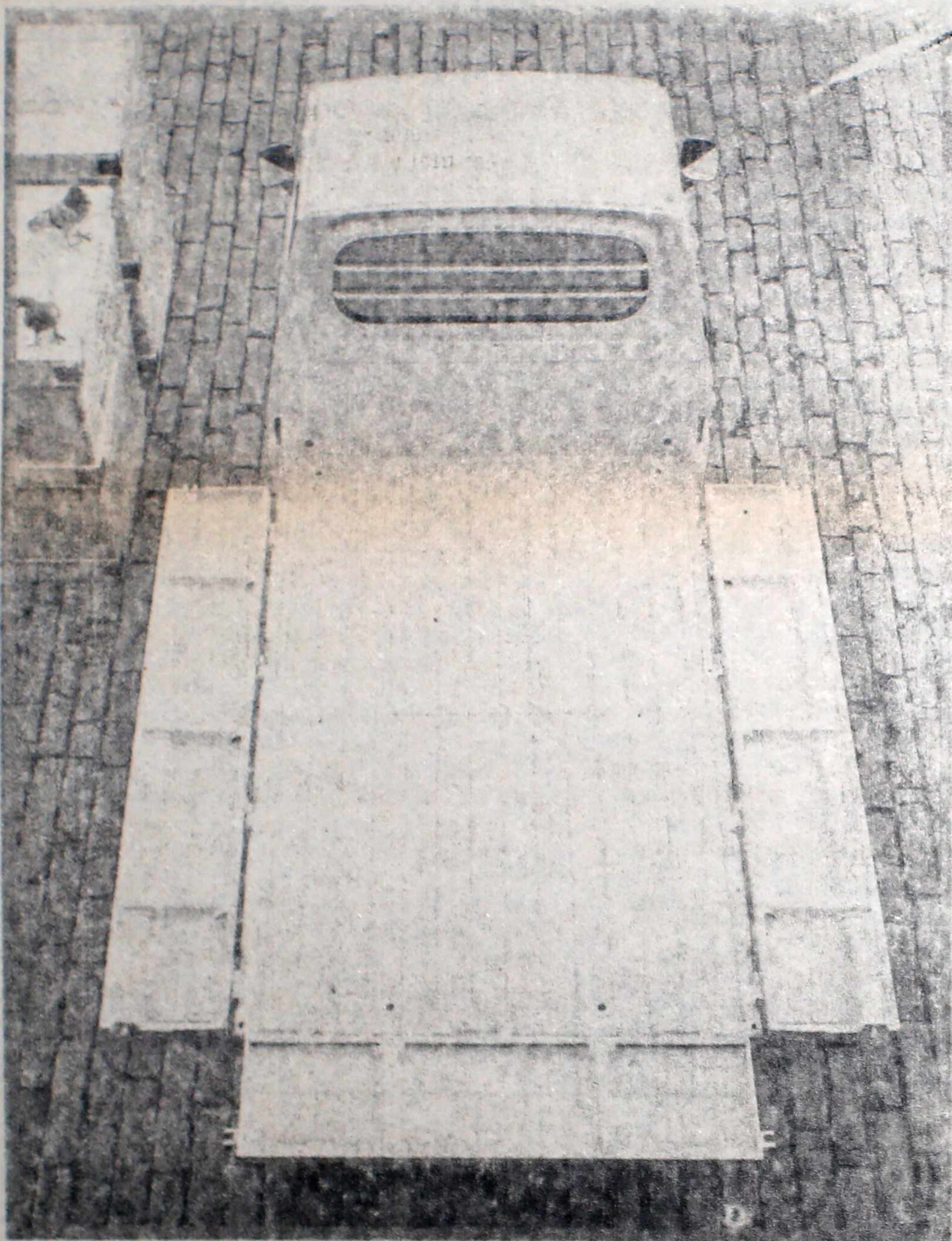


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IT'S ALL SPECULATION UNTIL SOMEONE ACTUALLY DRILLS FOR OIL OR GAS, AND NOBODY HAS YET

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Probability of Oil and Gas in the Vicinity of Norfolk

Until such time as extensive geophysical surveys followed by actual drilling occurs, no one can say for certain that there is oil or gas in any place. The only survey of which I am aware was a small amount of seismic survey carried out by a contractor's vessel as it was on its way to Australia. This is rather normal practice for these vessels as they move around the world they carry out training and testing exercises and then offer the results to potential buyers. This particular seismic data was offered to B.H.P. and others and resulted in the B.H.P. query on permits referred to above. The Chief Geologist of B.H.P.'s Oil and Gas Division told me that the only reason they did so was to protect the Australian interest. They took the seismic data and made a short investigation of other available geological information; their conclusion was that the possibility of oil and gas occurrence around Norfolk was most unlikely. I reviewed the matter with them again in August and there is no reason for changing this view.

From time to time in many parts of the world, the press and others put out stories of the nature that "there is another Kuwait on the doorstep" and Norfolk seems to be no exception. As stated before nobody can make such a claim until actual drilling has taken place. I understand that a statement was made to the Royal Commission to the effect that there was oil between Norfolk and Tonga. Shell and others had concessions around Tonga and two or three years ago did some drilling without finding anything. They have now given up the concessions.

Impact on Norfolk of Oil and Gas Developments in the Vicinity

Even though the possibility of any activity is most unlikely, I have given some thought as to what might be the situation if there were to be any petroleum in the area between New Caledonia and New Zealand. With the technology available at present any activity would be confined to water depths no greater than 200 metres (656 feet); this means on a relatively narrow strip between Noumea and Auckland passing through Norfolk - the Norfolk Ridge. The first stage would be geophysical sur-

veys either airborne or by small seismic survey vessel. The airborne survey would obviously be based on Norfolk with an aircraft no larger than a DC 3 and would only last a few weeks. The surface vessel would probably only call in order to mail its data to a processing centre, probably Sydney. The effect on the island would be minute. Seismic surveys many years ago used explosive shots which could cause localised damage to fish populations; this is no longer the case and there is now no effect on fish. In passing, I have observed a number of large underwater explosions in connection with pipeline construction in Bass Strait and have not seen a large fish kill. One occasion I recall was about ten tons to dig half a mile of trench in one go and it produced five cases of trumpet - the men involved could have caught more by handline in the same time. On other occasions we did not get enough for breakfast.

Should the geophysical surveys indicate potential drilling targets there would be a delay of at least two years before any work could start, brought about by first of all to get authorisation to spend money and then to obtain a suitable vessel. These off-shore drilling operations require access to a reasonable port for the handling of equipment and supplies and therefore I think that an operation in Norfolk waters would have to be based on either a North Island port or Noumea. If the operation were closer to Norfolk than either of those ports it could be expected that helicopter communication with the vessel would be based here, the number of flights would be quite small of the order of perhaps 10 a week. From observation during many flights in Victoria over both farming and wild life

Temporaries who leave permitted job have to go

TEMPORARY ENTRY PERMIT holders have to get off the Island if they quit the job authorised for them.

This Norfolk policy was stated clearly in public for the first time at the November Council meeting.

Following a question put on notice at the October meeting by Cr. McIntyre, the Deputy Administrator conferred with members of the Immigration Review Board and gave an official reply Wednesday.

He said it was true that Administration policy requires that if a temporary entry permit holder wishes to change jobs, he or she must leave the Island and come back again before an immigration permit is granted for the new job.

This has been the policy since 1968.

In June, July, August and September only one exception was made to the policy. This exception was made on "the exercise of the Administrator's discretion," but the grounds for the exception would not be revealed because "personal matters are taken into consideration and these are not made public".

The official reply touched off debate on the thorny subject of immigration controls. The three Councillors who do not sit in the private meetings of the Review Board wanted to know more about the policies.

The four Councillor members of the Board stood firm, with Cr. Bataille saying that if confidential matters discussed by the Board were made public, he would not sit on the Board.

Cr. Bataille said that the Island is faced with some unemployment, and that one method of controlling it is the Immigration Review Board.

men looking for alcohol and women

sanctuary areas, helicopter operations seem to have no effect on animals or birds. There would be some demand for accommodation for personnel mostly overnight for men making connections with flights to the mainland. In the initial stages there could be some demand for accommodation for rest and recreation purposes which might create some problems of a nature similar to those with armed services R & R. These drilling units operate generally as dry ships and there are no women, so inevitably you find men on leave looking for

both. However the general picture in my experience is that the married men want to get back home no matter how far away and the bachelors head for the bright lights of the nearest big city. Distance seems to be no object on the Australian North West Shelf everybody spends their off duty time in Perth and Shell has one deepwater rig on which the crews spend one month continually on board and then are flown back to Europe for one month no matter where the operation is in the world.

RESIDENTS CARVE UP BEEFSTEAK ROAD IN PROTEST AGAINST DUST, MUD, ROOTS AND TOO MANY CARS

THINGS ARE TOUGH out along Beefsteak Road -- but not too tough for a couple of outraged householders to gouge trenches across its dusty surface a week ago.

The object of the four excavations was to bring the condition of the dusty, rutted track to the attention of Norfolk officialdom, and it was successful.

A committee from the police, the works department and the Admin inspected the road generally and the trenches in particular.

Opinion of the police was that the gouging was illegal, and the trenches were filled in shortly after.

Acting Administrator C.F. "Potts" Buffett said the best thing was to put in a petition, and the residents promptly did that.

Officially, the residents of the eleven houses and six holiday flats live in a street without a name.

On the map, the dwellings are dotted along a line at Longridge that runs about south from Peters Highway and Country Road to Beefsteak Bay, which gives the track its unofficial name.

Three notices nailed to a power pole mark the start of the orphan track: the top one says Please drive slowly, dry conditions; the second No Through Road; and the bottom one, hand lettered in angry capitals, Slow Down.

But the trouble, according to Mrs. Brenda Reed, who has lived in Beefsteak Road six years, is that slowing down doesn't help much.

Even at ten miles an hour, in a dry spell, one car will raise a cloud that is pushed by the prevailing south-east wind over the hedges that line the track, depositing fine red grit even when the windows are closed, on furniture, working it into nappies hung on the line to dry, and layering it on roofs ready to be washed into tanks by the next shower.

And island visitors don't travel at ten miles an hour, either.

"Tourists will inspect every road on the island" Mrs. Reed says.

"They will come and look, and they travel fast. They just don't understand."

To the tourist cars must be added those from the six flats and the eleven houses -- and most houses have

at least two cars, some three, and they all move along Beefsteak Road at least twice a day.

Residents troubles don't end when it rains, either.

After three inches of rain in 24 hours a few weeks ago, the dirt track was almost impassable for the next two days.

Cars negotiating the mud slip on tree roots, sometimes encountering expensive damage.

The Beefsteak Road area has grown up suddenly, Mrs. Reed says, and it could be the most densely populated 1/3rd mile on Norfolk.

Six years ago it was two narrow tyre tracks along a grassy land.

Now, it's a dustbowl in summer and a quagmire in winter.

"It really is terrible," Mrs. Reed says.

The answer is to seal the track, but they are 14th on the Council's list.

No money, Council says.

"The business about the island being out of money makes me cross" Mrs. Reed says.

The residents of Beefsteak Road could easily arrange a bank loan, and for that matter Mrs. Reed could arrange an interest-free loan.

In fact, three years ago Mrs. Reed and her late husband offered in vain to pay for the road to be made

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An article for citrus growers to cut and save --

JOHN RYVES TELLS WHAT HE HAS LEARNED IN 10 YEARS OF CITRUS FARMING

JOHN RYVES began developing a citrus grove at Anson Bay ten years ago.

He now harvests fruit from 220 trees -- oranges, lemons and grapefruit.

"You can't rely on any of the normal books about citrus growing if you want to get good results on Norfolk," he says.

"Their general principles are right, but their timing is wrong."

"It may be because we do not have a wide differential in the seasons. I think maybe the bugs get mixed up."

He says that the only answer is to develop unique methods and schedules suited to Norfolk Island -- and that the only way to gain these is by trial and error.

In this article, John describes what a decade of trial and error has taught him.

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS relate purely to my own experience with growing citrus in Norfolk Island.

Planting: It is advisable to select a location protected from salt bearing winds. This location, however, should be one that is well drained and gets as much sun as possible. Trees should be planted at least twenty feet apart and forty feet from any other large trees. In planting the young trees the hole should be approximately 18 inches in diameter and deep enough to allow the cluster of roots to be lowered freely into it. The bud union should be left standing free of the natural soil surface by about four inches, and at no time should any mulch or earth be heaped close to this union. Throughout the life of the tree, it is most important that the area under the tree be kept free of any Kikuyu or other grass and weeds. To define this specific area, think of your tree as an umbrella and extend the clear area at least two feet beyond the circle covered by the perimeter of the umbrella.

From the time of planting, the following procedures should be adopted. Fertiliser will be dealt with later on. Young shoots appearing at any point below the bud union and between the bud union and the naturally established first fork of the tree, should be removed as soon as possible. Any fruit that forms for the first two or three years should be removed after the fruit has set, when it is up to half an inch in diameter. The decision to allow the fruit to mature on the tree

depends on the growth of the tree and whether you consider it now looks capable of bearing a crop. During the first two years of the tree's life it should be possible to remove any scale or disease with a toothbrush dipped in some of the chemicals mentioned further on, rather than spray the whole tree. White Wax will probably be the most troublesome, and this is easily removed. Bearing in mind that citrus trees are essentially surface rooting, great care must be taken with cultivation under the tree, and I have used most successfully Paraquat (or Grammoxone) to the maker's instructions. This generally keeps the area free of weeds and grass. It is advisable to protect the trunk of the young tree from the spray until the tree is at least two years old. I have found that a piece of double sided aluminium sisalation about 12 inches long and nine inches wide, folded into a rectangle and stapled together on the edges forms a tube which can be fitted around the trunk of the tree for protection against spray and sunburn. This precaution is only necessary for the first couple of years of the tree's life. Be sure the tree has a reasonably good level of moisture.

Fertilizer: It would appear that the Norfolk Island soil is lacking in some of the most essential elements necessary for the growing and cropping of citrus. I have used, since planting, an N.P.K. fertilizer grade 16.16.8 plus 4% ang - I always have plenty on hand if anyone requires some. This fertilizer is applied at the rate of 1lb. per year for every year of the tree's growth - e.g. a tree one year from the date of planting would receive 1lb., 2 years would receive 2lb., and so on. This fertilizer is applied after the first flush of spring growth, dividing each pound into four applications, at approximately six week intervals. Supplementary to this programme, and if desired, a foliar spray such as Nitrophoska Foliar, will ensure that all missing trace elements are supplied. This will ensure that the tree bears fruit to its maximum potential. This foliar spray should also be applied after the flush of spring growth and the leaves have turned to a dark green. A second application is desirable after the first autumn rains. In applying the N.P.K. fertilizer, one should again imagine the foliage of the tree is forming an umbrella and the fertilizer applied to the soil directly under the drip line of this umbrella in a band about 6 inches wide. At no time allow the fertilizer to come in

contact with the trunk of the tree.

Spray programme: The first spray of the season should be one undertaken immediately after petal fall and before the fruit reaches the diameter of half an inch. I use 3lbs. of copper oxychloride and half a gallon of white oil per 100 gallons of spray. This spraying is followed six weeks later with Mezinzeb or Antracol. This controls the discoloration of fruit caused by fungus diseases. I have recently adopted the principle of spraying again about mid-March with copper and White Oil.

To combat White Wax, Red scale, Pink scale and Mussel scale, which seem to be the prevalent scales here, I spray about the first week in November with 4lbs. Malathion 25% powder, and one gallon White Oil per 100 gallons of water. If one wishes to be more specific about the timing of this spray, there is about a 14 day period during November when the underside of the leaves shows signs of little white, minute insects. These are the first stages of the White Wax scale -

I might say I have never been able to locate these small white crawlers and have adopted early November as suitable timing.

I do not use any other sprays other than a spray to combat aphids, which appear to infest the trees after the flush of autumn growth. They are most damaging to the young leaf formation, and if allowed to persist, become evident on the tree by distortion of the leaves. I find the safest and most effective spray is Malathion at the above quantities, but the White Oil should be reduced to half a gallon.

In February, large caterpillars sometimes appear on the trees - they are easy to locate by the chewed leaves, and I remove these by hand. This only appears necessary on young trees.

To summarise: The most important things, other than the routine spray programme, is to keep the trees free of grass and weeds, and to keep all dead branches trimmed off as fungus disease breeds in the dead wood. Moisture level is important from fruit setting until the end of December. The trees will then be capable of standing a fair amount of stress without loss of fruit, and unless leaves show signs of folding at midday, further applications of water should not be necessary.

I would be happy to answer any queries at any time.

PNG ANNOUNCES ITS NEW RULES FOR INDUSTRY GROWTH, AND SAYS LOCALS HAVE TO GET FAIR SHARE

PAPUA NEW GUINEA has set out its ideas about industrial development -- and about who should benefit from new projects.

The new government says it wants -- to increase the proportion of the economy controlled by Papua New Guineans;

to distribute benefits equally;
to achieve decentralisation;
to promote small-scale artisan activity;

to achieve self-reliance through less dependence on imports and diversification of exports;

to increase the capacity to meet Government spending needs from locally-raised revenue;

to achieve equal participation by women, and

to provide for necessary Government control and involvement.

The PNG Government recognises the need for more foreign investment in a number of sectors and industries. The provision of capital, technical skills, management expertise, employment,

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revenue, foreign exchange and overseas markets by foreign investors are still necessary for the achievement of national goals.

In October 1974, the National Investment and Development Act was passed in the House of Assembly. This Act created the machinery for the promotion, channelling, regulation and supervision of foreign investment.

Guidelines for investment are included in the Act. These can be regarded by existing businesses and intending investors as the likely Government requirements in their particular areas of operation.

Some important guidelines are:

There should be the maximum practicable use and expansion of facilities and services available from existing enterprises owned and controlled

by Papua New Guineans.

The creation of desirable new enterprises owned or controlled by Papua New Guineans should be encouraged as far as practicable; especially small scale ones.

The maximum use should be made of Papua New Guinean labour, particular provision should be made for the employment of women, and every effort should be made to rapidly increase the general level of skill of the Papua New Guinean workforce.

As rapidly as possible, Papua New Guineans should replace others at all levels of employment, particularly in managerial, technical and professional positions at the highest levels. If at any time suitably qualified Papua New Guineans are not available to fill a position, provision should be made (especially by foreign enterprises), for training with a view to having the position filled by a Papua New Guinean within a reasonable time.

The maximum use should be made of Papua New Guinean raw materials, manufactures and supplies.

As far as practicable processing of Papua New Guinean materials should be carried out in Papua New Guinea.

Investment in rural and less-developed areas should be encouraged.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF TOURISTS

CASUAL GUEST POLICY

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VISITORS TO NORFOLK are sometimes uncertain about the casual-guest policies of the Island's leading hotel.

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NORFOLK TOURIST NEWS

Many Duty-free Shops Open on the Weekend

Mostly, Burnt Pine shops are open from 9am to 12.30, and from 2pm to 5.30. Mostly they close Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The larger stores tend to be open more hours and are more likely to be open Sunday mornings. One of the pleasant things about running a small shop on Norfolk is that you can weigh very light store traffic against very beautiful weather outside, say "this is crazy," shut the doors again, and go to the beach or work in the garden. Don't be upset if someone is closed -- envy them.

Places offering a bite to eat (sandwiches, take-away meals, fish and chips etc.) have varying hours, and if you find one you like make a note of its hours so you won't be disappointed another day.

The Milk Bar (really a general store) and Burns Philp's store at Middlegate are both open long hours, every day, and provide a real service to visitors and residents alike.

Post Office Ready to Help; and 1¢ Postage!

Norfolk may be the last place in the world where you can mail a local letter for 1c. There are collection boxes at several places around the island, but there is no mail delivery; everyone picks up his mail from the Post Office in Burnt Pine.

It opens at 8.54am, closes for lunch from 12.30 to 1.15pm, and is open until 5pm -- on weekdays only.

Postmaster Foxy McCoy and Edie Christian, Lorraine Conaghan and Peter Evans actually work longer hours than that. Mail is sorted right after its arrival by air every day but Sunday. People with postal emergencies have been known to communicate with the P.O. staff after hours by calling through the mail slots, so if you see someone talking to a slot some evening don't be unnerved.

Closing times: To Sydney, 11.30 am Wednesday and 2.30 pm Friday; To Auckland 9 am Monday, 4 pm Tuesday, 4 pm Thursday and 2.30 pm Friday.

Back issues of Norfolk's unique stamps aren't sold by the Post Office. If you want them (and many people

do, for they are nice to have and a good investment), go see Amy Bathie at DeChesne's Store across from the Milk Bar.

This Week on Norfolk

MONDAY

Housie, Leagues Club
Smorgasbord, South P. Hotel
Film, Norfolk Hotel

TUESDAY

Commandant's Dinner, Garrison
Film, Paradise Hotel
Film, Leagues Club
Darts, R. S. L. Club

WEDNESDAY

School sailing Emily Bay 1pm
Film, sm'bord, Valley View
N.I. Film, Paradise Hotel
Open Night, Norfolk Hotel

THURSDAY

Island dinner, Branka House
Housie, Leagues Club
Barbeque, South Pac. Hotel
Film, R. S. L. Club

FRIDAY

Open Night, Paradise Hotel
Film, R. S. L. Club

SATURDAY

Open Night, Norfolk Hotel
Barbeque, South Pac. Hotel
Housie, R. S. L. Club

SUNDAY

Film, sm'bord, Valley View

Good Phone and Cable Links, But Not 24Hrs

International phone calls and telegrams are handled by the Norfolk Branch of Australia's Overseas Telecommunications Commission, 100 yards or so up New Cascade Road from the main shopping thoroughfare.

Christine Sheridan is the phone operator weekdays, Margaret Christian in the evenings, and Jess Buffett on weekends.

Overseas phones operate from 10am

a complaint? a bouquet?

There is a suggestion box at the Tourist Bureau; or write the News, P. O. Box 94.

to 8pm Monday through Friday; from 10am to 6pm Saturdays; and from 10am to noon, and again from 3pm to 6pm on Sundays.

Three minutes to Australia costs \$3.75 (\$1.25 for additional minutes). A minimum call to New Zealand is \$4.68, plus \$1.56 for each minute over three. Sometimes there can be a delay. The beginning and end of each day are the busiest times, and if you must get through then it can help to make a booking in advance.

The telegraph office next door operates different hours; 9am to 6pm weekdays, 9am to 2.30pm Saturdays, and 9am to 2pm Sundays. John Brooksbank is manager. Chubby Gillian and Harry Nichols will sell you messages at 5c a word to either Australia or New Zealand. If you send a weekend telegram to Australia you'll need the phone number, because Australia doesn't deliver telegrams on Saturday or Sunday.

Telegrams are delivered on Norfolk by Merv Buffett, a job requiring good motorbike handling, a genius for spotting people on the road.



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PITCAIRN AND NORFOLK stamps, 1st Day Covers

BACK ISSUES -- VARIETY OF SETS
De Chesne's Store at Hospital Corner

IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO

NORFOLK ISLAND

Here are a few of the many things to see on the island. Enjoy them during the day -- you can shop late at the Milk Bar

1 AIRPORT TERMINAL and Air Cargo office

2 SHOPPING CENTRE, Post Office, Banks, Tourist Board

3 ISLAND ADMINISTRATION ; Bond Store for spirits

4 CEMETERY -- touching inscriptions on old headstones

5 BLOODY BRIDGE, site of one of Norfolk's legends

6 NORFOLK ISLAND GOLF CLUB -- visitors welcome

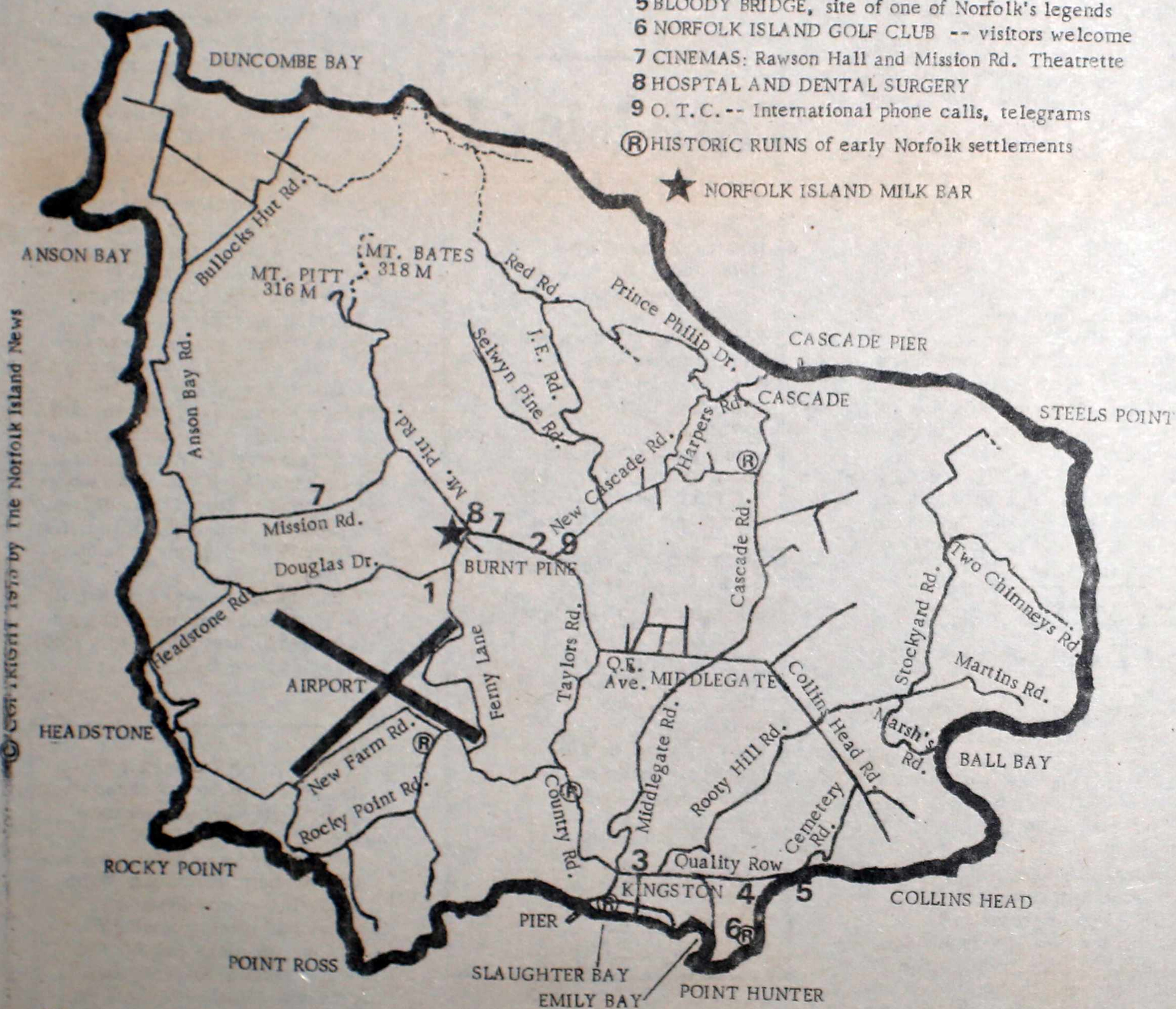
7 CINEMAS: Rawson Hall and Mission Rd. Theatre

8 HOSPITAL AND DENTAL SURGERY

9 O. T. C. -- International phone calls, telegrams

(R) HISTORIC RUINS of early Norfolk settlements

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Low-Priced Grog, but Remember Bond's Hours

The Island's only "bottle shop" is the Administration-run Bond Store, in the New Military Barracks compound at Kingston.

The store is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and again from 2 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. It is closed the last weekday of each month for inventory.

The bond carries an ample range of spirits and liqueurs (about half mainland price), Sydney, Melbourne and sometimes German beers (about 12c a can less than mainland) and Australian and European wines (about the same as mainland.)

Goof LeCren and Pete Connoily are on duty to help you select. They point out that the bond imports most of its stock directly from the countries of origin.

Of special visitor interest are limited bottlings of reisling and claret in commemorative Norfolk Bi-Centenary bottles, and a growing range of miniature bottles of exotic liqueurs.

A branch of the bond store operates at the airport, for departing travellers only, and charges a bit higher prices - worth the convenience if you want to take some cheer back home with you.

A Priority N.I. Need

Norfolk meets its community needs mainly by community effort rather than by complicated welfare and taxation systems. One of the good causes people on Norfolk support and contribute to is the Norfolk Island Hospital.

Doctor: 9.30-11.30 and 2-3 Mon-Fri
Sat. (urgent only) 9-10am

Dentist: 9-5, weekdays only

Visiting: 11-12; 2-4; 7-8.30

As we hope visitors won't have to learn by personal experience, the hospital is well run.

If your enjoyment of Norfolk during your visit should make you wish there were something you might do for the island community in return, a contribution to the Norfolk Island Hospital Board may be forwarded to the News, P.O. Box 94.

Visitors Welcome at N.I. Church Services

CATHOLIC:

Sunday mass 8.00am, 9.30am, 5.30pm. Weekday mass, 5.30pm.
Father Des. Scanlon.

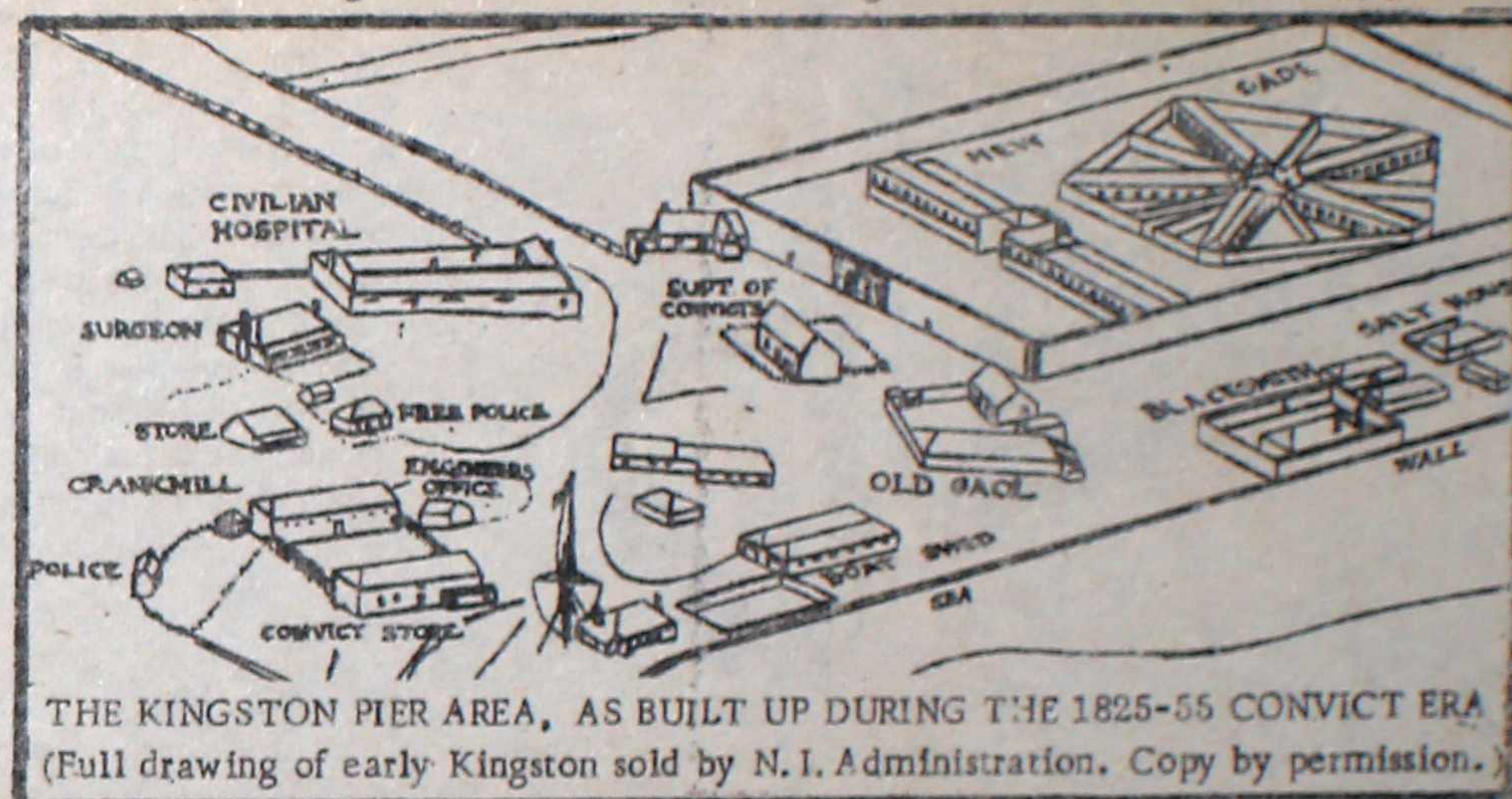
NORFOLK'S HISTORY: GRIM, FASCINATING, TOUCHING It's Worth a Thought...Reading...a Lifetime

That correct gentleman, Captain James Cook, discovered Norfolk Island in 1774. He spent only part of a day here but was anchored offshore looking at it for an afternoon and a night. He thought it was like New Zealand and was particularly taken by the Spruce Pines, as he called them, and being proper, thought of them as masts for His Majesty's Royal Navy. (For historians, Cook's Journals and Joseph Banks' Logs and even novels about Captain Bligh and Matthew

must have been discouraged. It is said their morale and morals were deteriorating by 1803; home-made spirits may have helped or hindered them.

By 1814 the Island was deserted.

In 1825 Norfolk Island became a penal settlement and was a hell on earth for most people living here. This period lasted 31 years. In spite of the misery a great deal of work was done - land was cleared, fields worked and lovely Georgian buildings were erected. It also was a



Flinders will really whet your appetite.)

Just after the First Fleet arrived in Botany Bay and meagre, muddy Sydney was beginning to be settled, Lieutenant Phillip Gidley King was sent to Norfolk by Captain Arthur Phillip in H.M.S. "Supply" to start a settlement to prevent the Island being settled by any other European power. King took along 24 settlers, 15 of whom were convicts.

For some time there was question of whether Sydney in New South Wales or Sydney (Norfolk Island) would be the most successful colony. (Sydney on Norfolk Island was changed to Kings Town and then Kingston.)

The Island settlement was hard to maintain for many reasons - distance and difficulty of access being two of them, and it was decided that bonded and free settlers should be moved to Tasmania. The settlers had worked very hard to farm the land and eke out an existence, and

time when some of the cruelest punishments in British history were meted out.

In 1855 the convict settlement was abandoned and in June 1856, 194 Islanders from Pitcairn Island landed here. These new settlers, descendants of the "Bounty" mutineers, had over-populated Pitcairn, and for romantic and practical reasons were given Norfolk Island.

The difficulties, uniqueness and genuine love of this Island of the families who stayed here would take volumes of a historian's time. The marvelous thing is that most did stay.

In 1856 Norfolk Island was created a "distinct and separate settlement." In 1913 the Island became a territory of Australia. It is now administered by the Department of the Capital Territory, with an Administrator appointed by Canberra on the Island, and an Advisory Council elected by the residents of Norfolk.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND:

Communion service at All Saints, Kingston, at 10.30 a.m. Sunday, prayer service at St. Barnabas Chapel at 7.30 p.m. Sunday. Sunday School at 9.15 a.m. Rev. Colin Berriman.

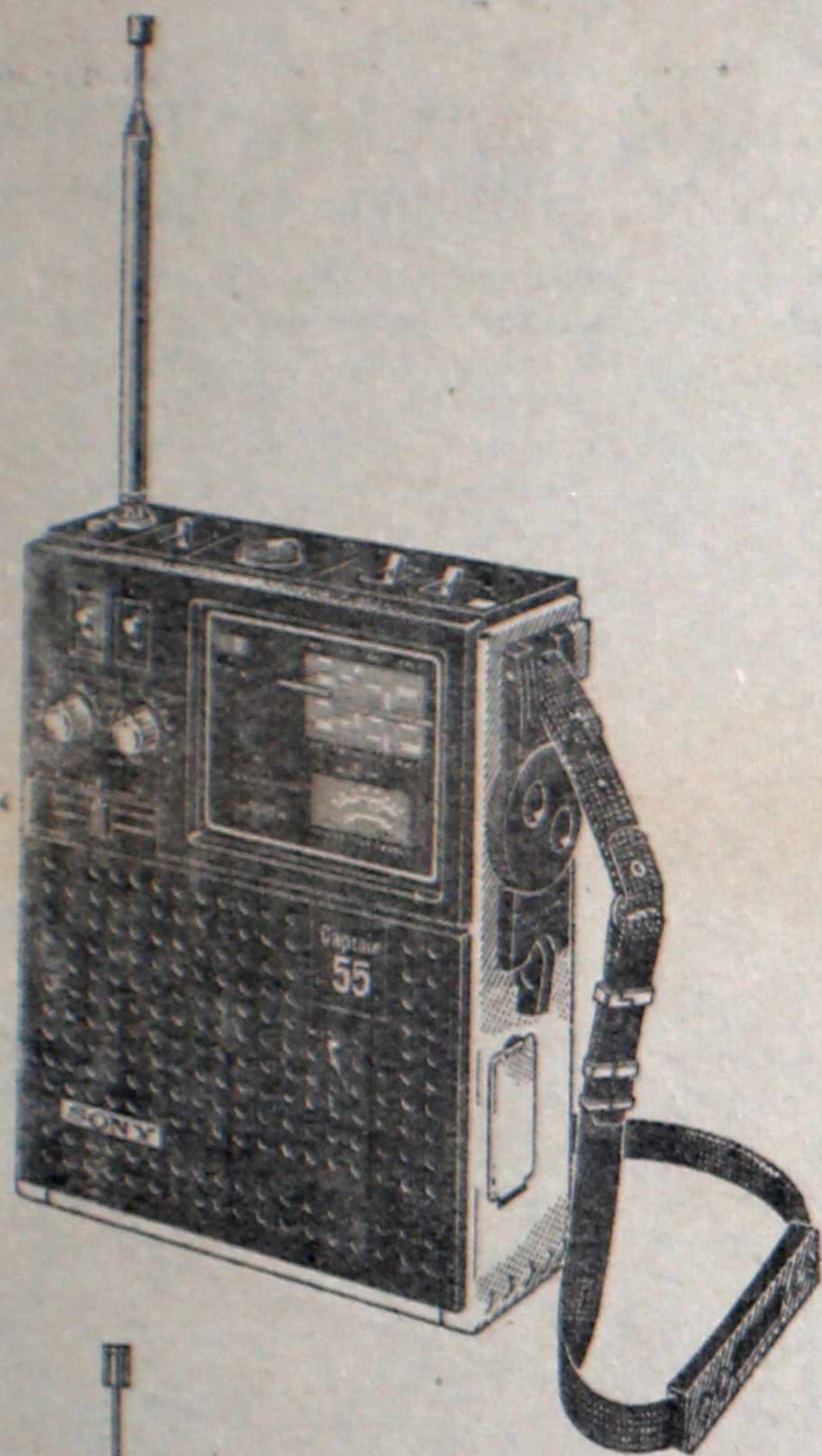
METHODIST:

Sunday School 10 a.m., services at 11am and 7.30pm. Pastor John Sharp.

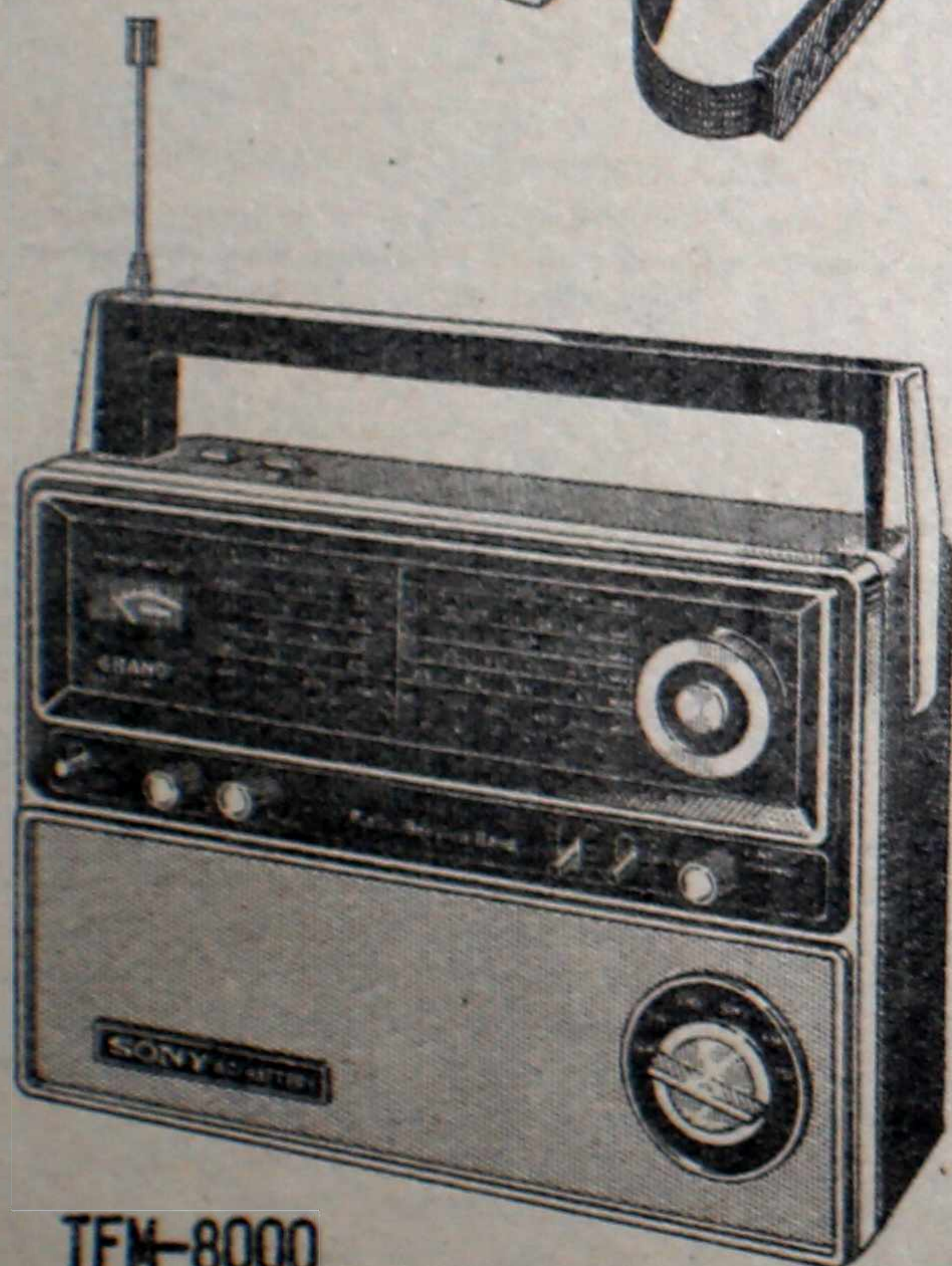
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:

Sabbath School at 9.45 a.m. Saturdays, Service at 11.15 a.m., Saturdays. Pastor Ray Sills.

TTTough! and smoooth



Sony now redefines what a radio is all about with model ICF-5500M, Captain 55—a high-performance 4-band portable receiver for the FM, SW, MW and Marine bands. The dynamic-styling of Captain 55 includes excellent features you would never expect to find in a portable unit—for example, dynamic 2.8 watt output, amazing sensitivity due to the FET (Field Effect Transistor), excellent selectivity thanks to the Ceramic Filters, and many attractive controls and functions. A convenient timer, a loudness control, separate bass and treble tone controls, a large multipurpose meter, jacks for stereo sound, and much more. All these make operating Captain 55 a new pleasure in itself. This mechanical black-faced Captain 55 is the fruit of Sony's advanced engineering and superb technology. Its great reliability and durability, assured by all solid-state circuitry including an IC (Integrated Circuit), combine to make Captain 55 a "ship and shore" portable. On board ship or in the mountains, this 4-band high performer, the captain of portable radio units, will guide you to many hours of listening pleasure!



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HARNISHES GO FISHING; TOURISTS LEFT ASHORE

The Harnishes have definitely dropped out of the tourist business, and are going to stick to straight-out professional fishing.

A last minute plea by Thea Fyfe of the Tourist Board to rethink has not altered their minds, Mrs. Val Harnish said.

"Why should my old man take all the muck thrown at him?" Mrs. Harnish demanded.

Letters to Norfolk papers have complained about the tourist fishing trips aboard the Harnishes' "Sonar Mia", alleging that the \$7 fee should entitle fishermen to keep their catch.

One letter criticised the sale of anti-sea sickness pills, and another the lack of facilities aboard the boat.

"Tourists complain about accommodation, restaurants and everything, and all those complaints are never put in the paper" Mrs. Harnish said.

She and Alan were doing just as well, if not better, without tourists, who didn't actually catch any fish.

Alan always had to bait their hooks, and pull their lines up.

Even then tourists would tangle their lines and even lose the gear.

As far as she knew, there was no-one taking tourists out fishing now, Mrs. Harnish said.

"A lot of people always said they were going into competition with us, but they never have" she commented.

The Harnishes will be taking a few visitors out --- but it will be old friends made during their eight years in the tourist trade, some of whom came back every year to Norfolk.

Mr. George "Puss" Anderson said the size-limit on boats enforced by lack of a harbor was a serious problem.

Only a few people could be taken out at one time, and if they kept all the fish they caught, the fee would have to be much higher.

"You'd need to ask \$15 to \$20 a head" Mr. Anderson said, yet even \$10 a day would be too much for some people.

Special equipment was needed for tourists, as well.

A cabin was necessary to give privacy for a toilet.

Extra radios were essential and a lot of lifesaving gear.

In all, an investment of at least \$20,000 would be needed, Mr. Anderson estimated.

Asked if any other fishermen were likely to take over from the Harnishes, Mr. Anderson said: "I don't know that any of the other boys are interested."

EDITORIAL

ON WEDNESDAY, NORFOLK COUNCIL considered a letter from the Secretary of the Department of the Capital Territory saying he would be willing to let the Island take over the work of drafting instructions for Norfolk laws.

He suggested that an additional legal officer would be needed to handle the work.

Council saw his letter as an attempt by Mr. Engledow to divert attention from his Department's delays in getting laws through.

There is little question that the Department is a main source of delays. Mr. Engledow has said there are about 90 laws "in the pipeline". The Attorney-General's Department says it has 18 of them. Legal Adviser David Rumpit says he has seven. That seems to leave about 65 bottled up in Electricity House, where Mr. Engledow's Department lives.

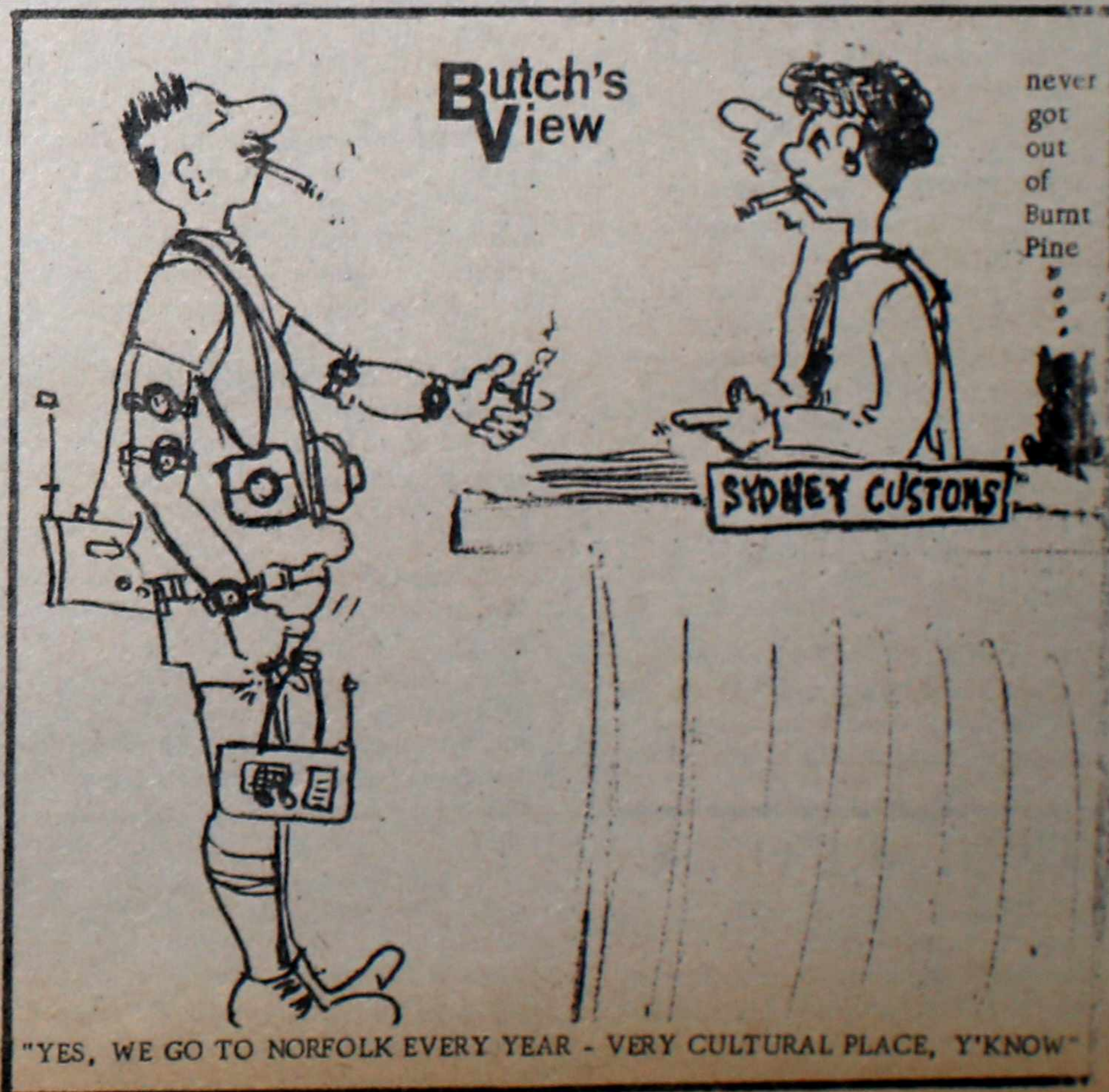
To the extent that Mr. Engledow's letter was a cover-up, Council was right to tip it out like old bath water.

But there was a baby in the bath, and they tipped it out too. Mr. Engledow offered to step aside from one important part of the government process, and let Norfolk take it over. Council virtually ignored the offer, in its eagerness to keep Mr. Engledow from slipping off the hook.

Maybe another legal officer isn't necessary. Maybe there is a less expensive way of drafting instructions locally, but if so, Council didn't mention one.

If Norfolk actually doesn't want greater local authority, one good way to convince Canberra that we aren't ready for it is to ignore offers of greater responsibility, and concentrate on well-worded insults to Department heads.

But if Council is genuine in wanting increased powers of local self-government for Norfolk there ought to be practical and courteous ways to take them when they are offered.



Business & Commerce



FRIDAY EXCHANGE RATES

7/11/75

A\$1 bought -

UK	£E	-6107
NZ	\$NZ	1-1997
FRANCE	F.Fr	5-495
H/KONG	HK\$	6-331
JAPAN	YEN	380-26
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SWITZ'D	S.Fr.	3-313
W. GERMANY	Dm.	3-226
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USA	US\$	1-2674
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ROYAL COMMISSION transcripts will not be available promptly for sitting starting 17/11 because of Aust. budget restrictions.

ELECTRICITY METERS will be read every four months instead of every three. List of dates when each area will have meters read.

METER READERS wanted, with own transport. Apply a Kingston.

WORKS DEPOT vehicle shelters will not be affordable this year, so none of the tenders was accepted.

RIDE-ON MOWER was sold to W. Bishop for \$189.50.

ADMIN STORES cartage tender was won by C&K Transport and Cascade Transport; \$3 per cu. metre or tonne; cylinders 35¢ large 20¢ small; mail 12¢ a bag; beer 40¢ a keg.

TELEPHONE OPERATOR needed 5pm-8pm Mon-Fri from 9/12 to 17/1/75; apply to Admin Ofcr.

SUPREME COURT sits 10am 4/10, Mr. Justice Joske.

PETTY SESSIONS sits 18/10.

ALBERT EPHRAIM CHRISTIAN estate to be administered by J.F. Campbell.

BENJAMIN FRENCH NOBBS estate application to be made 20/11 for J.F. Campbell to be Administrator, creditors' claims should be sent him.

DUTY-FREE MERCHANTS SAY BUSINESS IS GOOD --IF LINES ARE RIGHT

EXECUTIVES AT a number of leading "duty-free" shops say that sales volume is comparing well with last year and that the outlook is good for merchants with the right lines.

Flatly contradicting a rumour that customs duties on imports by tourist-oriented shops had fallen off by 50%, Customs chief Joe Jenkins said collections up to now seemed to be running about at the levels of 12 months ago.

"If some shops aren't getting their share, it's their fault," one merchant told the News. "The money is there. I don't think they're paying attention to their business."

"Norfolk is on a very even keel. A couple of years ago the guest houses were half empty at this time of year. Tourists may not be buying some types of merchandise, but they're buying others."

Another executive said year-to-year comparisons of importing volume were misleading, and the Islands imports could be expected to show a drop from 1974 levels for the next couple of months.

He said this was because Japanese manufacturers had not been able to ship adequate quantities in the third quarter last year, and then had suddenly flooded Norfolk merchants with shipments of goods that had been on order for some time.

He said the Bi-Centenary celebrations last year had also created a temporary business upswing.

At present, he said, Norfolk seemed to be continuing on "a general upward trend, as it has for some years."

The manager at one leading shop said he would not be surprised to hear that "duty-free" sales were down somewhat in the Burnt Pine area generally. "Shopkeepers are the first ones aware of this kind of thing, and you would not find anyone else was aware of it," he said.

He added that he thought Norfolk duty levels were close to a level where they were beginning to hurt Island sales, as compared with sales in duty-free centres such as Sydney, Fiji and Hawaii. He cited local duties of 8% on photographic equipment and 17% on watches,

while at the Sydney duty-free shops there was none.

Some tourists had told him that at Mascot they were advised to buy goods there before leaving and collect them on their return, because the selection of goods at Norfolk was supposedly very limited.

KIWI TREND IS FIRMER

INDICATIONS OF A TREND of falling Australian tourism and rising New Zealand tourism to Norfolk firmed in October, according to official Tourist Board figures.

In September the number of Australians arriving slipped by 2%, compared with September, 1974, and totalled 796.

In October they were nearly 9% fewer than a year ago, totalling 852.

New Zealand sent 599 tourists in September, up 17.7% from a year earlier. In October the figure of 655 tourists was up 26% from 1974.

On balance total visitors have continued to increase: 73 people more (5.5%) in September, and 53 people (3.6%) last month.

CARGO SHUT OFF AGA IN

FULL RESTRICTIONS on Qantas air cargo from Sydney are back in effect, with only life-saving drugs and news media consignments being accepted until mid-month.

Despite an extra flight last Friday week, Qantas's backlog at Mascot was back up to 1700Kg by last Thursday. On Friday five rows were removed from the scheduled DC-4 flight to carry extra cargo, although passengers and freight had to overnight in New Caledonia because of low cloud here.

Air New Zealand continued to carry good freight loads, with 328Kg on the 1st, 320 on the 3rd and 234 on the 5th.

Norfolk Island Airlines has been picking up gradually increasing amounts of mainland freight, and brought in 287Kg in the week to Saturday.

Flights This Week

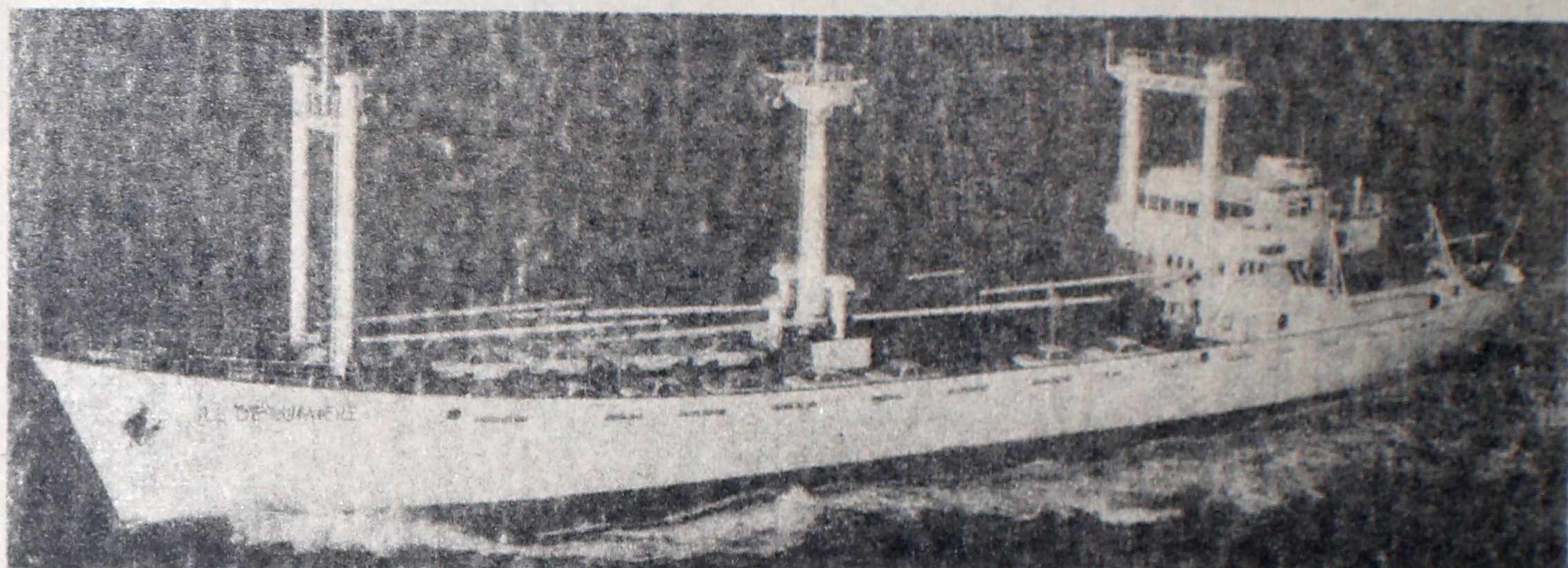
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S	1.35	2.45	10.30	11.45	5.15	8.30
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COUNCIL WILL LISTEN

NORFOLK ISLAND COUNCIL has agreed to meet with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the Chamber's fears that Australian income tax is creeping up on local companies and perhaps on local residents.



THE NEW LEADERS



From Sydney

ILE de LUMIERE

Voyage 9

Due to commence
loading Dec. 1st

Due depart Sydney
December 4th

Due arrive Norfolk
December 8th

(last Sydney ship
before Christmas)

From Auckland

ILE de LUMIERE

Due to commence
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December 11th

Due depart Onehunga
December 13th

Due arrive Norfolk
December 15th

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SAME-DAY NEWSPAPERS
late in the day on
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National Times
Sunday Telegraph

Sydney
Herald

Sun-Herald
Telegraph

FINANCIAL
REVIEW

Courier-Mail

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have what you need we're
happy to get it, as
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NEWS: Mon-Fri 7.30 World & Local: 8.30 World & Local: 10. Local: 12. Local: 1. World & Local

MONDAY

7.00 Music (Toon)
9.15 Music Round-
about (Daphne)
10.00 Local News
10.05 Petula (Part 4)
10.45 Black Opal
11.00 Morning Concert
11.30 Guest of Honour
12.00 Local News
12.05 Pop Spectacular
1.00 News Radio Aust.

TUESDAY

7.00 Music (Yvon)
9.15 I'm Sorry I'll Read
That Again (Beryl)
10.00 Local News
10.05 Memory Lane
10.45 Morning Serial
11.15 Vanity Fair
12.00 Local News
12.05 Sports Magazine
12.20 All That Jazz
1.00 News
1.15 Methodist Prog.

WEDNESDAY

6.30 Goons (Roger)

9.15 ABC Scope (Sylvia)
10.00 News
10.05 Where Angels Fear
to Tread

10.45 Hospital Prog.
Morn. Serial

12.00 Local News
12.05 Intern'l Call

1.00 News

THURSDAY

7.00 Music (Daphne)
9.15 Arts Mag. (Pat)

9.30 Eric Cook &
Guests

10.00 Local News
10.05 Inspector West

10.45 Morning Serial
11.00 Requests

12.00 News

1.00 News
1.15 Seventh Day Adv.

FRIDAY

7.00 Music (Sylvia)
9.15 Frank Muir (Beryl)

10.00 Local News
10.05 World of Books

10.20 Bookworm

10.45 Morning Serial
11.00 Concert

11.30 Insight

12.00 News

12.05 Music & Songs of
Another Country

1.15 Church of England
SATURDAY

11.00 Music (Sylvia)

12.00 Local News

12.05 Top of Pops

1.00 World News

1.15 Requests

1.30 Top 10

2.00 Radio Aust.

Sports Serv.

SUNDAY

4.00 Music

4.45 Aust. Top 20

5.30 World News

6.45 Children's story

7.00 Story Time (Ivan)

7.15 Singers of Renown

8.00 Don Juan (18)

8.15 Music

8.45 Play

9.30 Music



EMINENT RESEARCHERS HAVE discovered that television watching disrupts the alpha normal brain wave patterns. "Quite true," he said, rapidly retracting his organ-stop eyes. I only rarely indulge the addiction in order to avoid the splitting headache of withdrawal. But sometimes I sneak into the locked loft where the box is banished (electrical fittings also removed to avoid the dangers of easy access) creep downstairs, wire up the plug and tune in. The posture I assume in front of the dancing 'Trinitron' is affectionately referred to as 'Pacific area squatting' in books of an anthropological nature. This week I squatted twice with impunity. Once for the World Cup Gymnastics (pure and absolute adoration of the body uncluttered by the absurd nineteenth century atmospherics found in ballet); once for the restorative concert related below.

My faith was strengthened surprisingly quickly after last week's atrocity, on the following evening in fact. Carlo Maria Giulini, the fine Italian conductor, recognized the power of music, its 'high seriousness' as dramat-

ic example of belief in the human spirit. A performance of Beethoven's Seventh symphony was organized at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

It was certainly the most powerfully reasoned argument for the vital principle of human life that has yet taken place in that chamber of compromise. Beethoven, like all men, had a great need for love but was miserable throughout life because the expression of his love of humanity en masse went largely unrecognized in the bickering musical society of his time. He wrote: "Art, the persecuted one, always finds an asylum." The recognition of the truth of this remark as his symphony was performed in the asylum of the United Nations, beamed internationally into innumeral homes, would have given him great joy in the potential 'brotherhood of man'. The wings he envied Daedalus would have been given him, although the grim irony of this particular asylum would not have escaped his notice.

Giulini's performance was intense and deeply moving. His fantastically mobile features and passionate gestures of restrained energy left no doubts of his intentions in the minds of the players in the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. Certainly, this music performed in that assembly hall was an 'invitation to hope'.



"OFF THE ISLAND"

WE LAUGHED WHEN we came across this in Sunset Magazine published in California.

"Lantana - Abundant bright blooms and a long flowering season put lantana high on the list of favorites. Its shrubby nature and woody growth help it develop a strong independent trunk after a number of months. Feed twice a month during blooming season (liquid fish emulsion is a good choice). Keep faded flowers picked off to encourage continuous bloom. Lantana will not tolerate a freeze. In cold winter climates it must have protection!"

Hmmm -

Also bemused by a clipping mailed from a friend which appeared in the Sunday supplement of a leading daily newspaper "Genuine Norfolk Island Pine -- The Cadillac of all indoor trees. \$5.37."

For fun, how about a couple of recipes from a couple of other islands? The first from Fiji, the second from the Bahamas (the Duchess of Windsor's specialty served at Government House in Nassau when the Duke was Governor-General).

MOCK CAULIFLOWER

In Fiji they call paw paw "mummy-apple". Their mummy-apples are a bit sweeter than our paw paws but this is a nice recipe for Norfolk.

1 medium green paw paw

1/2 cup milk

1 egg

1 teaspoon melted butter

pepper and salt

Peel the paw paw and cut into serving pieces. Boil as vegetable until tender. Drain then mash. Beat up yolk of egg, mix with melted butter and milk. Add to paw paw. Season. Beat until stiff one egg white and add to paw paw mixture. Put in ovenproof dish and bake or steam for 3/4 hour.

PECAN PIE

1 9 inch unbaked pastry shell

1 cup pecans

3 eggs

1 cup golden syrup

1/3 cup sugar

1/8 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup melted butter

Line pastry shell with pecans. Beat eggs well. Add syrup. Bake in hot oven 10 min. Then 350 for 40 minutes. Cool before serving.

questions & answers in a Norfolk Garden

JUST A FEW WORDS about parsley. I have often heard it said that parsley seeds "always fail to grow for me", and yet in some gardens it is almost a weed, self sowing everywhere. An old gardener once gave me the following hint when sowing parsley seeds. Make a shallow trench, sow seeds thinly then water well with hot water, not just tepid, really hot, cover seeds immediately with soil. It has always worked for me and it is now almost forty years since this hint was passed on to me.

Do you know that apart from its use as a garnish, parsley is rich in calcium and vitamins B1, B2 and C and should be used more as a vegetable as well as garnish.

In the flower garden I notice that the crepe-myrtle shrubs are showing new growth, and it is on this new wood that the flowers are carried. Lovely heads of "crepe-paper" flowers of this native of India are very showy and well worth a little extra care. Some reasons it is attacked by old enemy powdery mildew, so give them a good spraying now; I use Nanex or Karathane. After flowering is over cut back hard; these need to be pruned every year for best results.

Now answers to a few questions.

1. Can you tell me what causes my hoyas leaves to turn yellow?

A. Without seeing your plant, there could be one of the following reasons, firstly over-watering and if in a pot not enough "crocking" for drainage or perhaps over watering - hoyas need good drainage at all times, moist but never wet. Secondly, it could be caused by a pest attacking it at roots. Have a look at its base just below ground level; it could be partly rotted. Hope it is over-watering for that is easily remedied.

2. Do Staghorn and Elkhorn ferns need manure?

A. Some old cow manure packed in behind the shield is very helpful if your fern has not been long established.

Talking of manure for ferns, a good rule is to never use other than organic manures. Maiden hair resents anything else and in fact will often die after an application of such manures as Zest or Lush.

THE FIREDRAKE

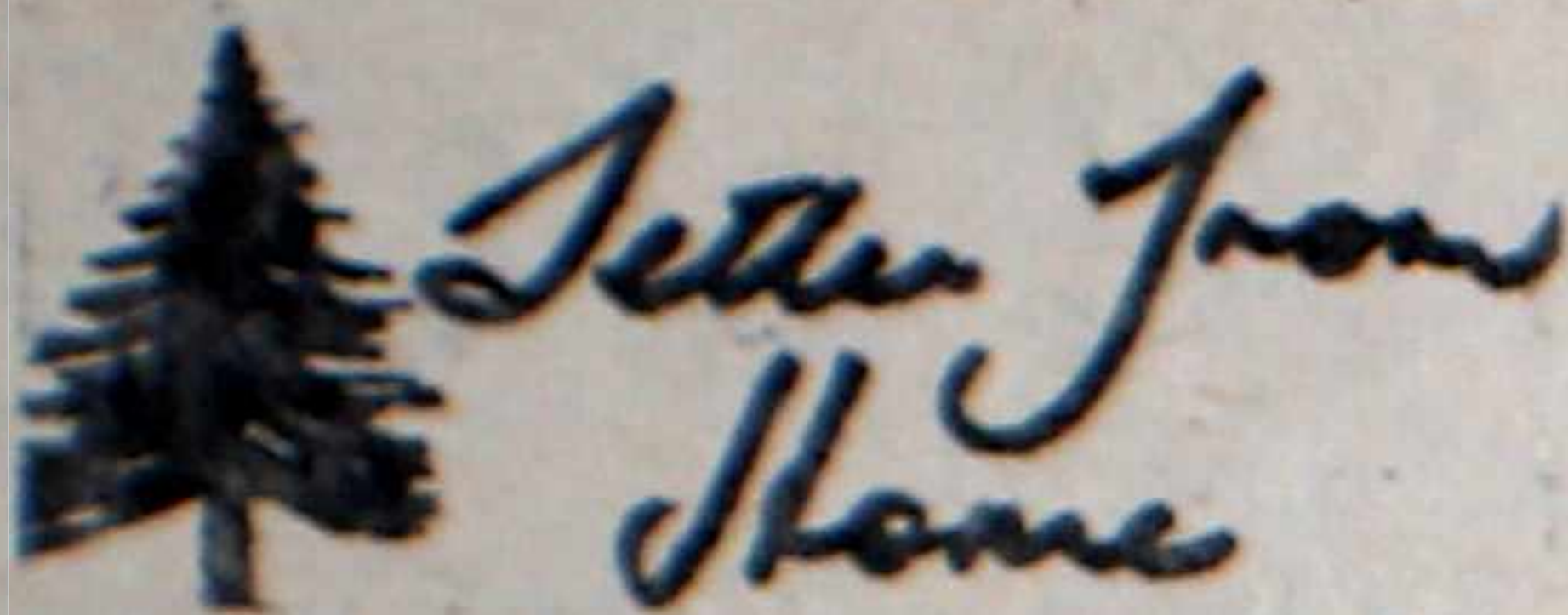
by Cecilia Holland

IN THE MIDDLE AGES a firedrake meant a dragon, but no ordinary common or garden dragon at that. I suppose dragons in those days came in all sizes from the tiddlers the bigness of a fox-terrier that fizzed and whistled like steam-kettles to the fifty-foot monsters that ravished maidens, guarded treasures and breathed flames that could ignite a forest. The first sort made nice pets for ladies with asbestos gloves and were handy for lighting the Braemar, but firedrakes were definitely of the latter variety and not to be trifled with. But a firedrake also meant a comet, and the comet of spring 1066 was one such presaging the great wars fought over Europe that year, especially William the Conqueror's invasion of England.

The hero of this historical novel is Irish, which is all right and proper and as it should be. There are no Irish villains, and the villainous niche in this story is filled by Dutch and Flemish peasants who are so much arrow-fodder for the knights. The hero, Laeghaire (pronounced Leary) comes from Tralee in Kerry, which can't have changed much in ten centuries as it's still as much a place to emigrate from now as it was then. The spelling and pronunciation of his name makes one feel that if ever there were two languages in the world that needed a phonetic reformation Gaelic and Maori would top the poll.

The greatest virtue of this book isn't its rattling good story-line but it's evocation of mood. War and campaigning then was every bit as sordid, unglamorous and immoral as it is now, with the added minus, or whatever the opposite of a bonus is, of unrelieved discomfort. This discomfort would appear to have been life-long. A knight would be born in a draughty and unsanitary castle, spend most of his life riding uncomfortable horses wearing uncomfortable armour, his leisure time must have been mostly filled in picking the vermin from his body sufficient to give him a reasonable night's sleep untormented by the ravages of lice and bed-bugs, and death of old age at thirty, rheumatism and wounds were his final portion. This book portrays it warts and all.

HENRY SMITH.



What an eventful week it's been. It started off on Monday night - a large crowd gathered at the Golf Club to enjoy the Calcutta Sweep Night. Alan Dyer was the auctioneer and apparently keen bidding took place during the night. One bidder was even bidding against himself so determined to secure the horse he thought was going to win the Melbourne Cup. Tuesday morning people were busy deciding which horse they'd back or digging deeper into their pockets to find a few cents to join in yet another sweep. By 3.15 p.m. most ears were glued to a radio somewhere on the Island, the owners wondering whether they'd make a fortune in the next few minutes or "do their dough".

Knowing nothing about horses and never having backed a horse before I woke up on Tuesday morning determined to back Think Big and Sullivan. Changed my own mind on Sullivan when I heard it priced at 7/4 - that left Think Big. Husband said to me, Think Big won't win, not twice in a row. A friend who seemed to know what he was talking about agreed and added that Think Big wasn't any good in the wet. So I settled for Holiday Waggon. Imagine how I felt when Think Big won. Oh dear, then a very thoughtful friend rang to let me know Think Big's price was 33/1. Even now I'm still dreaming about all that money I could have won and how I'd have spent it. Moral? Never take a male's advice on horses. Still, Holiday Waggon did come second.

A few days ago three friends called on Beattie Bigg at her new home to enjoy themselves in true Norfolk fashion. It was lovely to hear peals of gay laughter ringing Steele's Point as Vina Patterson, Granny Quintal and Taggart Menzies together with Beattie lost themselves in a game of jaro.

Vina and Granny returned later on in the week but with one partner short. They were so disappointed: they tried to coax a neighbour away from the ironing, but with no success. She didn't have a clue how to play in any case.

Granny then told the plumber to put down his tools and join them. Again no luck - so dem all start sleep instead.

I guess the hospital has been the most active place this last week: patients coming from all directions. One person, Lyn Berriman, called to see the doctor as her expected infant was soon due to make an appearance. Dr. Sexton asked her to return home, collect her suitcase and come straight back again. Imagine his surprise to receive a call that Lyn's baby had decided not to wait any longer. It wanted to be born at home. Poor Lyn, she said after all the books she's read and already having given birth to three daughters she was the one to panic, not Colin, who she said was really wonderful. Michael Phillip, weighing 8 lbs 2 ozs made his arrival in half-an-hour. The doctor arrived at the Rectory

just in time to actually deliver the baby. Michael certainly looked most unconcerned about the uproar he'd caused as he lay sleeping peacefully in his bassinette the next day.

Jill Karl, another very thrilled mother of a new baby son, Sven Stuart - born on Cup Eve 3rd November, said she was hoping Lyn would share the room with her but didn't expect her to arrive in such a fashion. Jill is looking forward to taking Sven home to meet his sister, Claudine. Both sets of parents are tickled pink to have a son in the family.

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HERE IS THE concluding section from the 90-years-ago article in the Norfolk "Pioneer" that we commenced last week. How Norfolk's problems remain the same: - - -



Much water might be saved by very little foresight and trouble, but at the end of a dry season, when most of it has gone to waste, it will be very little use to consider the matter.

The average rainfall for the five years ending December 31st, 1883, was 45 inches, and of this by far the most fell in the six months from April to September inclusive of each year. During those months of the year above-mentioned, the rainfall averaged 26 1-2 inches. This year it has been considerably below that amount, and following upon an unusually dry summer, this decrease is likely to be much felt, unless there be a change before long.

At present then the agricultural lookout is gloomy, and we naturally turn to the whaling industry to see if things look better there, but only a glance shows us that no comfort can be derived from that quarter. The season is not over certainly, and as with the farmer, rain may fall, so with the whalers, whales may be caught at the last moment. But if both farming and whaling fail, and the financial condition of the island be already strained, what is likely to be the consequence? Under such conditions it is surely right to try and find a remedy for the soil. It is often affirmed, but with how much truth is doubtful, that regular periodic communication with the colonies is the only remedy. No doubt this would be beneficial if it could be established, but in itself it would not prevent bad seasons, and blights from attacking the crops. No one can be induced to try sending a vessel here regularly without a reasonable guarantee of cargo. Whereas on the other hand no one here seems to think it necessary to try and produce what would pay for exportation until the regular communication has been established. This is evidently looking at the matter from the wrong side. Let the produce be available, and there will soon be the means of exportation as we all know. Here then is the main question, what can be produced so far independent of season and blight, as to offer a reasonable

assurance of success to the exporter.

One thing is certain, that without systematic perseverance and determined energy nothing can be done. And if nothing be done, the material prosperity of the island must fall lower and lower, until it results in the entire alienation of property and the institution of a new order of things and people.

Such a change may as yet be preventable, but if things drift on much further as they are doing, no power will avail to stop it. It is not for us to say what will and what will not pay to cultivate, but we do feel sure that there are many sources of income left to those who care to seek them.

Dairy farming, fruit growing, fish-curing, the breeding of horses and pigs as well as fowls, are all industries productive of profit, but strange to say, not one of them have ever yet been systematically undertaken.

We merely mention this as showing that to a thoughtful person much will occur that might tend to elevate the general condition of the place, and we sincerely hope that the time is at hand, when something will be done to create industries that will be alike a source of pleasure, industry and profit.



DOROTHY JOSKE, wife of one of Norfolk's Supreme Court Judges, was recently asked to talk to the Sydney Country Women's Association about Norfolk. Their special study project for 1975 was the islands in the South Pacific. Here are some brief notes on a few of the things she said.

"Norfolk Island to me is the most beautiful Island in the South Pacific - certainly the most interesting. Approaching Norfolk by air makes one aware that it is an aloof pine-wooded isle, clutching its secrets to itself - maybe it has resented the three invasions during the last couple of hundred years, even to the point of almost preventing Royalty to set foot on its shore. The whole island just disappears into cloud and fog. But what a change when the

clouds disperse revealing sun drenched mountain and green wooded valleys. Norfolk comes alive and one has a feeling of exaltation and pride that Norfolk Island is British.

"It reminds one of the West Coast of England with its precipitous cliffs and reef ringed bays, and there is a feeling of attachment to the warm colored shining "sacred cows" wandering all over the roads and golf course, not obliged to conform to any traffic rules. They give one a friendly welcome as they gaze from their luscious pastures. The impact of the long-remembered penal settlement is still strong, but tempered by the interesting, well-preserved historical buildings. Quality Row would have seemed to have lived up to its name. The charming stone homes are well preserved and loved, even the ghosts are still to be reckoned with.

"The Court House is quaint and still in use. Judges are dismayed that the huge post in the middle of the court room presents difficulties for Counsel, seeing the Judge, nor can the Judge easily see the Counsel.

"All Saints Church is close by to the historical cemetery - such a gorgeous position overlooking Philip and Nepean Islands, which stand out as a bodyguard to Norfolk, but what sad memories. Those soul-destroying headstones tell the story of many souls, (some so young) denied the comfort and dignity of the church - those who had lost their sense of destiny and humanity. One is filled with a great sense of history to live on Norfolk, and meet the descendants of the mutineers of the Bounty - beautiful dark skinned women with sparkling eyes, whose ancestors were amongst the 193 settlers from Pitcairn.

"The leisurely way of life on Norfolk attracts us all, and tourists revel in the duty-free shops today - a long way from the early days of barter - English woollens and French perfumes excite the women and electrical goods for all. Norfolk Island stamps are collected all over the world. The sea surrounding the Island abounds in wonderful eating fish, and swimming without fear of sharks crossing the reef is fabulous. What a Paradise on earth! One of the most touching customs on Norfolk is that when an islander passes from this life friends gather to prepare the grave for burial. Could any act be more Christian?"

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